

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-38 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, the Examiner allowed claims 1-5, 28-31 and 36-38. The Examiner objected to claims 7, 8, 12, 19, 20, 25-27, 33 and 35 as being dependent on a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations in the base claim and any intervening dependent claims. Claims 6, 9-11, 15-18, 21-23, 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,185,603 to Henderson et al. ("Henderson") in view of "Messaging's Next Blockbuster Hit" by Cox ("Cox"). Claims 14 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Henderson in view of Cox, and further in view of "Netscape Navigator 6 in 1" by Fulton ("Fulton").

The Examiner is thanked for his careful attention to the present application and for his indication of allowable subject matter. It is understood, however, that the applicant is amending claims solely for the purpose of expediting the issuance of allowable subject matter, and does not agree with the Examiner's rejections based on the prior art. Accordingly, applicant may present any of the present claims, in non-amended form, in any divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.

Claim 6 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 7. Claim 6 is now in allowable form. Claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice. Claims depending from claim 6 are also allowable based upon the allowable form of claim 6 and further in view of the additional limitations present in the dependent claims.

Claim 15 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 19. Claim 15 is now also in allowable form. Claim 19 is cancelled without prejudice. Claims depending from claim 15 are also allowable based upon the allowable form of claim 6 and further in view of the additional limitations present in the dependent claims.

Claim 32 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 33. Claim 32 is now allowable. Claim 33 is cancelled without prejudice. Claims depending from claim 32 are also allowable based upon the allowable form of claim 32 and further in view of the additional limitations present in the dependent claims.

Claims 39-101 are new. Claim 39 is former claim 6 that is amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 7 and 8. Claims 40-43 are identical in form to dependent

claims 9-12, and claim 44 is identical to dependent claim 14. Claim 45 is former claim 6 that includes the limitations of dependent claim 12. Claims 46-50 are identical to claims 7-11, and claim 51 is identical to dependent claim 14. Claim 52 is former claim 15 that includes the limitations of dependent claims 19 and 20. Claims 53-55 are identical to dependent claims 16-18. Claims 56-62 are identical to dependent claims 21-27. Claim 63 is former claim 15 that includes the limitations of dependent claim 25. Claims 64-75 are identical to claims 16-24 and 26-27. Claim 75 is former claim 15 that includes the limitations of claim 26. Claims 76-85 and claim 86 are identical to claims 16-25 and 27. Claim 87 is former claim 15 that includes the limitations of dependent claim 27. Claims 88-98 are identical to dependent claims 16-26. Finally, claim 99 is former claim 32 that includes the limitations of dependent claim 35. Claims 100-101 are identical to dependent claims 33 and 34.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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